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SUBJECT: MYONGDONG TRIAL--SEVENTH APPEALS SESSION: MORNING

REF: A) SEOUL 9863, B) SEOUL 5982

1. SEVENTH SESSION MYONGDONG APPEALS TRIAL DECEMBER 17.  
MUN CHONG-HYON AGAIN ASKED COURT TO CALL KIM CHI-HA AS WITNESS,  
AND COURT AGAIN REFUSED. MUN IK-HWAN, SPEAKING FOR ALL  
DEFENDANTS CHALLENGED COURT'S SENSE OF FAIR PLAY. DEFENSE  
ATTORNEYS SAID THEY WOULD SUBMIT PETITION FOR NEW PANEL OF  
JUDGES TO HEAR TRIAL IN DUE COURSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
DESIRE OF DEFENDANTS.

2. LAST AUGUST SIMILAR SITUATION AROSE WITH DEFENSE REQUESTING  
NEW JUDGES TO REPLACE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES WHOM DEFENSE  
CONSIDERED BIASED IN FAVOR OF PROSECUTION. AT THAT TIME  
(SEE REF B) LAWYERS WALKED OUT OF TRIAL TO UNDERSCORE AND  
DRAMATIZE APPEAL. THIS TIME LAWYERS REMAINED IN COURT  
AND BEGAN DEFENSE SUMMARY UPON JUDGES'S REQUEST THAT TRIAL  
MOVE FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY.

3. COURT RECESSED AT NOON. DEFENSE SUMMARY EXPECTED TO  
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CONTINUE IN AFTERNOON SESSION ALONG WITH DEFENDANTS FINAL  
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